

A MEETING NEXT MONTH

Great Convention of Metho-
dists in Philadelphia.

VIRGINIANS TO ATTEND

Dr. Gamewell, Who Superintended the
Defenses of the Besieged Legations
at Peking, Will Be There—Many
Distinguished Speakers.

The missionary leaders of the Methodist
Episcopal Church have announced a great
missionary convention to be held in the
Academy of Music at Philadelphia, Pa.,
October 11th-13th. The convention is to
be a delegated body. Its clientele being
drawn from the New England and Middle
Atlantic States. An attendance of more
than 2,500 is anticipated. The convention
will be self-entertaining.

Technically speaking, the convention is
held under the auspices of the Open Door
Emergency Commission of the Methodist
Episcopal Church. This commission was
originated by the Board of Bishops, and
was organized primarily to devise ways and
means for promoting a larger missionary
interest and enthusiasm among the three
million members of the Methodist Episcopal
Church. Of this commission Bishop Ed-
ward G. Andrews, of New York, is chair-
man. Under its auspices there was held
at Cleveland, Ohio, in October, 1902, the
first general missionary convention of the
Methodist Episcopal Church. The demon-
stration was profoundly stirred through
that gathering, and the great subscription
made by that convention of more than
\$200,000 to the cause of Methodist mis-
sions attracted widespread notice. It was
because of the success of that gathering
that the call came for the holding of a
similar convention within more easy ac-
cess of the Atlantic seaboard.

At the forthcoming convention at Phil-
adelphia six great sessions will be held
besides the afternoon that will be given
to section conferences. It has already
been determined that no financial session
will be held. The invitation to hold the
convention in Philadelphia came from a
representative committee of ministers and
laymen of that city, who provide the
place of meeting and make other ar-
rangements. The Program Committee
of the Open Door Emergency Commis-
sion, which has arranged for the sessions,
consists of Bishop Edward G. Andrews,
chairman; Mr. S. Earl Taylor, secretary;
Dr. A. B. Leonard, corresponding secre-
tary of the Missionary Society; Dr. Frank
D. Gamewell and Dr. Edward M. Taylor,
field secretaries of the Missionary Society;
and Dr. John F. Goucher, a member of
the Board of Managers of the Missionary
Society and president of the Woman's
College at Baltimore, Md. Dr. Gamewell,
best known as the man who superintended
the defenses of the besieged legations at
Peking in 1900, is in Philadelphia, and
is co-operating with the local committee
in preparing for the convention.

WHO WILL ATTEND.
The convention will be for the Metho-
dists of New England and the Middle
Atlantic States; or, to speak in the terms
of denominational organization, the con-
vention will include pastors and laymen
from the following conferences: Maine,
East Maine, New England, New Hampshire,
Southern, Vermont, New Hampshire,
Northern New York, Troy, Central New
York, Genesee, New York, New York,
Newark, New Jersey, Philadelphia,
Wyoming, Central Pennsylvania, Erie,
Pittsburg, Wilmington, Delaware, Balti-
more, Washington, East German, East-
ern Sweden, Virginia and West Virginia.
The representatives of those who will
attend is to be seen from the following
list of those who are entitled to dele-
gates' credentials blanks:

(1), bishops; (2), general officers of the
Missionary Society; (3), field secretaries
of the Missionary Society; (4), general
conference officers; (5), general officers
of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society;
(6), general officers of the Woman's Home
Missionary Society; (7), returned mis-
sionaries; (8), general officers of the Epworth
League; (9), editors; (10), educators; (11),
speakers; (12), members of local conven-
tion committee; (13), five students from
each college and university; (14), mem-
bers of the Board of Missions; (15), mem-
bers of the General Missionary Com-
mittee; (16), Conference Missionary Society
officers; (17), presiding elders; (18), dis-
trict missionary secretaries; (19), District
Conference, State and General Confer-
ence District Epworth League officers;
(20), pastors; (21), Sunday-school su-
perintendents; (22), presidents of Sunday-
school Missionary Societies; (23), a re-
presentative from each Epworth League
or Christian Endeavor Society (Method-
ist); (24), one layman from each pas-
toral charge.

AMONG THE SPEAKERS.
On the programme of speakers and
themes will be the following:
"Keynote of the Convention, or the
Problem Stated," Bishop Cyrus D. Post,
D. D., LL. D.
"Our Missionary Society and Its Achiev-
ments," James M. Buckley, D. D., LL. D.
"Our Missionary Society and Its Ur-
gent Needs," Anna B. Leonard, D. D.,
LL. D.
"Successes and Opportunities in Evan-
gelizing the World," At Home, Henry K.
Carroll, LL. D.; In Africa, Erwin H.
Richards, D. D.; In India, Bishop James
M. Thoburn, D. D., LL. D.; In China,
Hon. E. S. Spencer, D. D.; In Japan, Rev.
Heber Jones, Ph. D.; In Europe, William
H. Crawford, D. D., LL. D.; In Latin
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have given to the Rev. Mr. Ashby Jones,
of this city, and his brother, the Rev.
Howard Lee Jones, the distinguished
young minister of New York, exceptional
opportunities of observing conditions in
England at a time when the commercial
world and particularly that American
portion of it, is watching the develop-
ments there with the keenest interest.

Mr. Jones returned home a few days
ago, accompanied by his brother, and he
is now back at work again. He is in ex-
cellent health and spirits, and seems to
have enjoyed his trip to the very full.

On Wednesday evening last he was
given a cordial reception home, and his
congregation was out in force to shake
him by the hand.
While abroad Mr. Jones saw many
things, but nothing that was sufficient to
destroy in the slightest degree his pride
for his own country. He comes back more
than ever impressed with the belief
that the United States is the country,
Virginia the spot, and Richmond the
bright particular spot in it all. Still he
saw much in England that made him ad-
mire the country. What he says about the
inferiority of the schools there, including
Oxford, is very striking, and rather



REV. M. ASHBY JONES.

startling. He also has something interest-
ing to tell about the commercial condi-
tions prevailing in the Empire. But Mr.
Jones saw also that John Bull is slowly
waking up, and that when he gets there-
roughly aroused he will take a command-
ing place again. The Richmond minister
expresses great confidence in the Eng-
lishman, and believes that it is a su-
perfluous view that sees only disintegra-
tion and retrogression in the signs of
the times.

THE COMMERCIAL CONDITIONS.
In speaking of his trip a few days ago,
Mr. Jones gave an interesting account
of some of his observations. He said in
effect:

"We were away about two months and
a half. Our entire time was spent in
England and Scotland, and most pleas-
antly spent. Edinburgh is the most beau-
tiful city I have ever seen and it has
the reputation of being the garden spot
of Europe. My brother and I preached every
Sunday in London, with the exception of
once when we went to Bristol. The
churches were filled were Kingsgate and
Regent's Park. The latter is the old
charge of the Rev. F. B. Meyer, who was
a Baptist before he became a Congrega-
tionalist."

"We visited all of the points of interest
and enjoyed exceptional opportunities of
understanding and discovering the senti-
ments of the people on the great issues
before them. There are at this time two
such paramount issues. One is the educa-
tion question and the tariff question as
proposed by Mr. Chamberlain. Both of these
questions may be brought under large
issues. The education movement is in-
timately bound up with a widespread
Democratic movement against the social
caste that still exists in democratic Eng-
land, and that creates a social presump-
tion against any young man not born to
a certain station in life. On the other
hand the tariff question is the direct op-
ponent of the awakening of John Bull
to the commercial supremacy of the
United States."

"It was my observations that the
great British public is becoming daily
more impressed with the fact that it is
being left behind in the march of com-
merce. The nation is watching America
closely, and is learning from her some
valuable lessons which will be put to
good part later on. It takes a long time
to get the dull Englishman stirred up,
but when he is once aroused he outstrips
nearly everybody else in the race. He is
aroused now and the great public are in
favor of a change. The empire is held
together by a rope of sand and some-
thing radical is needed. Chamberlain has
touched the sore spot and has proposed a
remedy in his preferential tariff. Whether
this remedy is a good one or not is an-
other question. At all events the Colonial
Secretary was great man enough to
see the evil and point it out. The long
has not yet been made a governmental
issue. My personal opinion is that if it
ever is the Balfour ministry will go down
and out. We visited Parliament and were
fortunate enough to be there at a time
when the big speakers were on the floor.
Balfour was speaking, Campbell-Bann-
man, Dilke and others, and it proved a
treat that we enjoyed much. We saw
Chamberlain there, but he kept quiet.
Balfour is one of the handsomest men I
ever saw, graceful and easy in his ges-
tures. He is a fine speaker, but affects the
parliamentary hesitation, an affectation
quite common in England. All of them do
it except the Scotchmen. Parliament is
decidedly the most noisy and undignified
body of its kind I ever saw. There is no
hand-clapping, but the 'hear, hear,' from
the advocates of a measure and the
groans from the opposition made the air
resound. Compared with Parliament our
American Congress is as quiet and sub-
dued as the Supreme Court."

SCHOOLS ARE INFERIOR.
One thing struck me very forcibly while
in England, and that is the decided in-
feriority of the schools of England to
those of the United States. It is a mis-
take to believe, as so many do, that the
hoary English system is better than ours.
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years behind the times. Oxford is living
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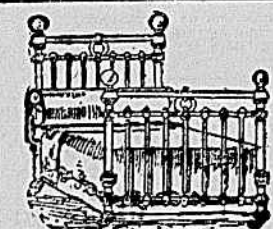
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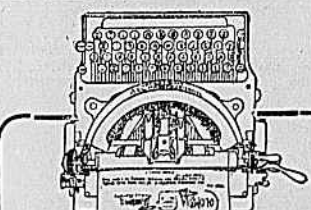
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